(c) No, Sir. Consequent on introduction of reforms improvements have been reported in terms of meeting, billing and collection efficiency, transparency in the system of tariff fixation, trend towards rationalization of tariff etc During the financial year 2002-03, three States *viz.*, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Haryana have shown cash loss reduction and were eligible for incentives under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP).

Conference of State Power Ministers

368. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI.
DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Power Ministers' conference was held in June to discuss the power situation in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Centre has urged States to meet power generation targets,

(c) whether any target has been fixed in the Tenth Plan for achieving power targets;

(d) if so, how much has so far been achieved;

(e) whether number of projects have not been undertaken so far;

(f) if so, what are the main reasons

(g) the States where these projects have not been undertaken; and

(h) what is the help and assistance the Centre has agreed to provide to these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA). (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The centre has impressed upon the States that they should take up the work on all feasible Tenth Plan power projects within next few months so that the Tenth Plan targets could be met.

(c) and (d) A capacity addition target of 41,110 MW (25417 MW-Thermal, 14393 MW-Hydro & 1300 MW-Nuclear) has been set for 10th

Plan A capacity of 3276 MW has been added till 30th June, 2003. This comprises of 2541 MW thermal and 735 MW hydro.

(e) to (g) The Tenth Plan target for capacity addition in the State Sector has been set as 11157 MW. Out of this, projects totaling 1418 MW have already been commissioned and projects totaling 5076.69 MW are under execution. Remaining projects are under award/ investment decision In the Power Ministers' Conference, various States committed to place awards and start work on all the remaining power projects within 2003-04 to ensure completion of these projects by the end of 10th Plan

(h) The Centre is rendering assistance to states in obtaining earlier clearances/inputs and resolving major bottlenecks. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) have mobilized themselves to see that execution of a good project is not hampered due to lack of funds.

Surplus power in Orissa

369. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has decided to sell the surplus power to other States for which GRIDCO has invited tenders; and

(b) the amount of power that is proposed to be sold and the amount of money they proposed to net out of this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) (a) Government of Orissa have informed that Orissa decided to sell surplus power to other States for which tenders were invited by Grid Corporation of Orissa (GRIDCO).

(b) According to Government of Orissa an agreement was signed by GRIDCO with PTC for sale of 100 Megawatt round the clock The contract sale price of surplus power agreed is Rs. 2.00/Kwh during off-peak period, Rs. 2.60/Kwh during peak-period which averages to Rs. 2 15/Kwh round-the-clock. Allowing a rebate of 2 5 paise per